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Subject: Perchlorate conference

Kevin Mayer came by yesterday to speak to you about OCI support for a perchlorate conference the perchlorate steering committee is planning. The conference would be held in Henderson, NV, end of April for 2-1/2 days with NV EPA & DoD as hosts. In attendance would be scientists and technicians from local to federal government and academia as well as members of the public. Public participation at the conference would serve two main purposes: to share information about perchlorate (bring the public up to speed on the issue) and hear from the public if the committee is asking the right questions/developing the right studies to address public questions and concerns. Kevin estimates about 200 people would attend. Although HQ will do some outreach, Kevin would like OCI help:

- 1) in R9 outreach; he wants to make sure everyone who could possibly be interested in the conference hears about it and would like OCI to help publicize the event;
- 2) could OCI serve as a point of contact for inquiries, mail information packets, answer questions about logistics, etc.
- 3) OCI help facilitate the event, particularly the public dialogue session.

Kevin also spoke with Catherine who has been taking a lead on this issue. Catherine and I agree this is an important emerging issue and we would like to support Kevin's work. Given how busy everyone is, a team approach may work best. Although he came to OCI, I'm thinking CBEP may be a good place to seek support, as well. This could serve as background for discussion at our next staff meeting.